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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1615

CORRINE DEGERT et al

Examiner: G. Kishore

Serial No.: 09/554,602

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For: IMPROVED METHOD FOR AVOIDING THE

DEGRADATION OF AN ACTIVE PRINCIPLE

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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